

My name is Jill Fucini. I am a single parent of a 5 1/2 year old daughter. When she was 2 years old, in 2005, I heard about the PLTI program and participated in that program. It was very beneficial to me; especially the Community Project.

My project allowed me to learn about and participate in School Readiness Council meetings in Middletown. My knowledge and understanding of resources and programs was paramount to my being an involved mother and parent. She was in the School Readiness Program for 2 years.

I also participated in the Parent SEE (Parents' Seeking Educational Excellence) and graduated in 2008. This program taught me how to get involved the my daughter's education and how important parents' voices are in their children's educational experience.

I presently live in Cromwell and that town is starting a School Readiness Council. I have the confidence and some abilities to hopefully be a resource to that committee. Also, I have many parent leaders, as well the instructors that I met through the two programs I mentioned, that I will be able to colloborate with. They continue to be a valuable resource for me.

In my opinion, it would be tragic to lose the resources provided by the Commission on Children. Many parents to come can certainly benefit from the programs and services that agency provides.

Sincerely,

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